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SUBJECT: SWEDISH AID MISSION CONCLUDES AGREEMENTS WITH

LAOS, NORTH VIETNAM, AND PRG

REF: STATE 185140; STOCKHOLM 3512; STOCKHOLM 3730

1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED PRESS RELEASES
AUGUST 26 ANNOUNCING THAT ITS UNDER SECRETARY, LENNART
KLACKENBERG, HEAD OF RECENT DELEGATION TO HANOI, VIENTIANE
AND PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, HAD SIGNED
BILATERAL AID AGREEMENT WORTH ABOUT \$191 MILLION WITH
NORTH VIETNAM GOVERNMENT AND HAD HELD AID DISCUSSIONS
WITH PRG AND WITH LAO GOVERNMENT. AGREEMENT WITH HANOI
CALLS FOR SWEDISH ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST
INDUSTRY AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HOSPITALS. PRESS
RELEASE SAID SWEDISH DELEGATION HAD TALKS WITH PRG ON USES
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OF RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE WORTH SKR 30 MILLION (\$6.8

MILLION) WHICH GOS HAS ALLOCATED FOR AID TO PRG THIS FISCAL YEAR. RELEASE INDICATED THAT SWEDISH DELEGATION HAD AID DISCUSSIONS WITH LAO GOVERNMENT BUT DID NOT REVEAL OUTCOME.

2. SWEDISH FORESTRY PROJECT IN NORTH VIETNAM EXPECTED TO COST SKR 770 MILLION (\$175 MILLION) IS LARGEST SINGLE SWEDISH AID PROJECT TO DATE. IT PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PULP AND PAPER-MAKING FACILITIES AND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN AFFORESTATION AND TIMBER-FELLING PROGRAM. PROJECT WILL PROVIDE 5000 NORTH VIETNAMESE JOBS. WHEN PAPER PLANT IS COMPLETED AT END OF DECADE, IT WILL HAVE ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 50,000 TONS, RELEASE STATED.

3. RELEASE ADDED THAT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WILL HAVE SEVERAL SPECIALIZED PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENTS AND SERVE AS CENTER FOR PEDIATRIC INSTRUCTION AND RESEARCH IN NORTH VIETNAM.

4. RELEASE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS GOS HAD AGREED TO IN PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS.

5. SWEDISH DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG AND FOREIGN MINISTER TRINH IN HANOI; BY PRG FOREIGN MINISTER MADAME BINH; AND BY FOREIGN MINISTER VONGVICHIT AND ECONOMIC MINISTER PETHRASY IN VIENTIANE.

6. COMMENTS AND FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW SEPARATELY.
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